Francis and Sherry Prescott v. Underwriters at Lloyds, London

Held February 15, 2018 – Docket No. INS-17-2088 Decision Issued: February 22, 2018

The named insureds requested a hearing to contest the nonrenewal of their homeowners insurance policy based on ineligibility for coverage because of underwriting reasons. The company did not present evidence showing why the property was ineligible for coverage.

**Held:** For the insureds. 24-A M.R.S. § 3051 permits nonrenewal of this type of policy if the reason is in good faith and related to the insurability of the property; section 3054 requires more than an asserted reliance upon underwriting guidelines to establish the relationship to insurability. As the company only argued that the property does not meet its underwriting guidelines, it has failed to meet its burden of establishing that the reason is in good faith and related to the insurability of the property.